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Biography

JAMES VANDAVEER HEIDINGER was born on a farm near Mount Erie, Wayne County, Ill., July 17, 1882; attended the rural schools, Northern Illinois Normal School, De Kalb, Ill., and Valparaiso (Ind.) University; taught in the rural schools of Wayne County, Ill.; was graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Law, Dixon, Ill., in 1908; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Fairfield, Ill.; county judge of Wayne County, Ill., 1914–26; assistant attorney general of Illinois, 1927–33; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Kansas City, Mo., in 1928; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Seventy-second and Seventy-fourth Congresses; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, and Seventy-ninth Congresses, and served from January 3, 1941, until his death in Phoenix, Ariz., where he had gone for his health, on March 22, 1945; interment in Maple Hill Cemetery, Fairfield, Ill.

In the House of Representatives

FRIDAY, *April 27, 1945.*

Mr. FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of House Resolution 234.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 23d day of May 1945, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials, under the provisions of clause 40–A of Rule XI. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for sixty legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record on the life, character, and public service of the deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings the Speaker shall call the House to order, and then, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)
United States Navy Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer.....The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation.....The Acting Chaplain, Dr. Bernard Braskamp

Solo, There's a Beautiful Land on High (by Taylor).....
Hon. Harve Tibbott
Representative from the State of Pennsylvania
Hon. Frances P. Bolton, Representative from the
State of Ohio, accompanist

Scripture reading and prayer.....The Acting Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members
The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence.

Address.....Hon. Alfred L. Bulwinkle
Representative from the State of North Carolina

Solo, Open the Gates of the Temple (by Knapp)..Hon. Harve Tibbott
Hon. Frances P. Bolton, accompanist

Address.....Hon. Paul Cunningham
Representative from the State of Iowa

Taps.....Francis Dale Stevens
Musician, first class, United States Navy

Benediction.....The Acting Chaplain

James Vandaveer Heidinger

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 23, 1945.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 234, the Chair declares the House to be in recess for the purpose of holding memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials.

Accordingly the House stood in recess to meet at the call of the Speaker.

The Members of the House rose and stood while the relatives of the deceased Members were escorted to seats in the House Chamber by the Committee on Memorials.

The Acting Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp:

Most merciful and gracious God, who art found by those who truly seek Thee, known by those who love, and seen by all whose hearts are pure, we pray that this hour of high and holy memory may be full of blessedness unto our souls. To Thy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we shall ascribe all the praise. Amen.

Hon. HARVE TIBBOTT, accompanied by Hon. FRANCES P. BOLTON, sang There's a Beautiful Land on High.

The ACTING CHAPLAIN. The Scripture readings, which are taken from the Old and New Testaments, have been written for our consolation and our comfort.

Psalm 85: "I will hear what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints."

Psalm 90: "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

"He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Then from the New Testament these gracious words which came from the lips of our blessed Lord:

John 14: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

In St. Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, the fifteenth of First Corinthians we find these words:

"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept

"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

May God add His blessing to these readings from His holy word.

"Death is only an old door,
Set in a garden wall.
On quiet hinges, it gives at dusk
When the thrushes call.

"Along the lintel are green leaves,
Beyond, the light lies still.
Very willing and weary feet
Go over that sill.

"There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only an old door
In a garden wall."

O Thou who wert the God of our fathers, we rejoice that Thou art also the God of their succeeding generations. Through Thy word Thou hast spoken and in our own hearts Thy voice has been heard. Thou art the author and disposer of human life, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return.

We thank Thee for Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little while upon this earth and who now dwell with Thee in heavenly blessedness, having received as the reward of their faith and their fidelity the salvation of their souls.

We rejoice that whatever was beautiful in their life, in Thy sight and in our sight, abides forever. They sought to serve their generations according to Thy holy will and were

numbered among those who do justly, who love mercy, and who walk humbly with the Lord. We have not said farewell, but only goodnight, hoping on some blessed morn to meet and dwell with them in hallowed union in that land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

We pray that Thou wilt bless all who have been called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones. Sustain them by Thy grace for Thou art the support of the weary and the consolation of the sorrowing. May they yield themselves without murmur or complaint and in due resignation to the dispensations of Thy providence for Thou dost give and Thou dost take away, and blessed is Thy name forevermore. May they avail themselves of the eternal companionship of the Christ and have within their hearts that peace which the world cannot give and which the world cannot take away.

We pray that Thou wilt also so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May we carry on in faith and in faithfulness. Hear us in the name of the Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Alney E. Chaffee, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

ELLISON DURANT SMITH, a Senator from the State of South Carolina: Born August 1, 1866; merchant; farmer; student Stewart's School, Charleston, and the University of South Carolina; graduate of Wofford College in 1899; member of the State house of representatives, 1896–1900; field agent and general organizer in the cotton protective movement, 1905–08; elected to the United States Senate, 1908 and five suceeding terms; died November 17, 1944.

FRANCIS THOMAS MALONEY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut: Born March 31, 1894; seaman; businessman; student public and parochial schools; newspaper reporter, 1914–21; served in the United States Navy 1917 and 1918; mayor of Meriden, 1929–33; Member of the House of Representatives Seventy-third Congress; elected to the United States Senate, 1934 and 1940; died January 16, 1945.

JOHN MOSES, a Senator from the State of North Dakota: Born June 12, 1885; farmer; banker; lawyer; graduate of Junior Col-

lege, Oslo, Norway, and of the law school of the University of North Dakota; secretary, State Teachers College, Valley City, 1911–13; State's attorney of Mercer County, 1919–23, 1927–33; elected Governor of North Dakota, 1938, 1940, and 1942; elected United States Senator 1944; died March 3, 1945.

HAMPTON PITTS FULMER, Second Congressional District of South Carolina: Born June 23, 1875; farmer; merchant; banker; graduate Massey's Business College, Columbus, Ga., 1897; member of the State house of representatives, 1917–20; Member of the Sixty-seventh and 11 succeeding Congresses; died October 19, 1944.

JAMES FRANCIS O'CONNOR, Second Congressional District of Montana: Born May 7, 1879; lawyer; rancher; banker; graduate in law, University of Nebraska, 1904; judge of the sixth judicial district of Montana, 1912; member State house of representatives, 1917–18, serving as speaker; Member of the Seventy-fifth and four succeeding Congresses; died January 15, 1945.

JAMES VANDAVEER HEIDINGER, Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Illinois; Born July 17, 1882; teacher; lawyer; student Northern Illinois Normal School and Valparaiso University; graduate, Northern Illinois College of Law, 1908; county judge of Wayne County, 1914–26; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Kansas City, Mo., 1928; Member of the Seventy-seventh and two succeeding Congresses; died March 22, 1945.

Mrs. NORTON, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, and aided by Duane Bender, a page of the House of Representatives, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

Then followed 1 minute of devotional silence.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Bulwinkle].

Hon. ALFRED L. BULWINKLE, a Representative from the State of North Carolina, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. ALFRED L. BULWINKLE

Mr. Speaker, since the last memorial services were held in the House of Representatives, just about a year ago, divine providence called six of our close friends and colleagues into eternity:

Senator ELLISON D. SMITH, of South Carolina.
Senator FRANCIS T. MALONEY, of Connecticut.
Senator JOHN MOSES, of North Dakota.
Representative HAMPTON P. FULMER, of South Carolina.
Representative FRANCIS O'CONNOR, of Montana.
Representative JAMES V. HEIDINGER, of Illinois.

Words are inadequate to fully express, on occasions of this kind, the thoughts and emotions we feel. When one is associated day after day and year after year with friends who become very near and dear to you—friends whom you admired and respected—it is difficult to use words which fully and completely express sorrow at the loss that is suffered.

Realizing this, and everyone here knowing this, may it not be said that we, the Members of the House of Representatives, who are assembled here today, cherish and honor the memory of our colleagues who have gone to meet their Maker.

The comradeship which exists on Capitol Hill between Members has few parallels in life. Whether a man is here just a short time or for many sessions, each one soon learns to know the other and to love and admire him, and respect the sterling qualities of character and devotion to duty which he possesses. You cannot associate with men in legislative work from time to time in the committees, or in the cloakroom, or on the floor of the House, and not make friends. On the questions that arise, differences of opinions may exist. Even heated debate may be engaged in, but regardless of these differences, or the words that may be used in debate, the ability, honesty, and sincerity of another Member is respected and admired. There is no better place to judge another, and it may be truly said that the Congress of the United States is a proving or testing ground for men.

Homage to the memory of these Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives is paid today by their colleagues in this service. Each one of the living recognized in those that we pay tribute to, as exemplified by their lives

and their daily work, their faithful service to the Republic and their States, that they were true public servants and noble American citizens who gave their all for their country in one of the most critical periods of history.

The war and the preparation for national defense prior to Pearl Harbor caused the enactment of legislation which was broad in its scope and carried with it tremendous potentialities for mankind—both in the United States and the world. Every legislator knew the results which would follow the proposed legislation which was to be considered. Every legislator knew the responsibility which he had to assume, and the duties, burdens, and sorrows which would have to be endured by his constituency. These colleagues of ours may not have agreed with all that was proposed, but they and their fellow Members met the situation bravely as men would meet it.

The war came—the greatest in history—brutal, savage, worse than any war that one could read of in the Dark Ages. Every man and woman in the Congress knew that civilization was at stake the world over and that the freedom of liberty-loving people everywhere was threatened by the domination of the dictators.

Without faltering, the Congress met the issues. It was theirs to initiate and pass the legislation calling the men and women of the United States into the armed forces to serve in the uttermost parts of the earth, on the sea, under the sea, on land, and in the air. Knowing full well the casualties that would inevitably result from war, this of itself weighed heavily upon the mind and heart of each. Measures were proposed and passed changing the country over from a peacetime status to a wartime status—production in every line was necessary, whether in the fields, in the factories, or the manufacture of military and naval equipment. As a result of these laws, it can well be said that never in the history of mankind has any one nation accomplished so much in so short a time.

When our large Army, Navy, and Air Force went into action on many fields of battle, victory came. Since the last memorial services were held, the forces of nazism have been defeated, crushed, and it is hoped forever annihilated. Today, Europe as well as the world, with the exception of Japan, is freed from fascism and nazism. Day after day our forces in the Pacific have defeated the treacherous, barbarous, and uncivilized Japanese, time and time again. The prayers and the hopes of the people of the Nation are for an early victory—a complete and smashing victory on the Asiatic front and the Pacific.

These victories, magnificent and glorious as they are, were not won without the loss of many lives. Day by day the casualty lists are seen by each Member. These lives that are lost, and the sacrifices that are made, cannot but leave scars upon the mind of each representative of the people.

Standing before this historic desk, paying allegiance to the memory of the deceased Members of the Congress, I feel the presence of another public servant who was a casualty of the war. Without effort, one can visualize President Roosevelt standing here and addressing the joint sessions of Congress as was done on numerous occasions in connection with the war, and the war effort, or when delivering an address upon the state of the Nation. During all of these weary, heart-rending years, heavy obligations were exacted of him. Burdens were placed upon him that no one else could aid in carrying. With a courage and a devotion to duty, and a love of country never surpassed in the pages of history by any executive, or ruler, he met the responsibilities and never shrunk from them. The Nation was taken into his confidence, and in this Chamber at an early date he warned of dangers from across the seas. The powerful and mighty German Army could not be defeated unless the freedom-loving nations could be united, and it was his successful efforts which welded these nations into the United Nations and assured the victories which have, are now, and will come to pass in all

theaters of operation. In addition to the objective of victory, he had another magnificent objective always in mind: Even as nations were united to defeat the tyrants who had brought on a terrible war—so nations could be united together to preserve the peace in order that the world would be freed from the curse of war. This was, and is, evidenced by conference after conference, commencing with the Atlantic Charter, and culminating in the San Francisco Conference which is now in progress. May the final achievement of the San Francisco Conference meet fully the requirements of a civilized world, and his magnificent objective.

Somehow today, in some way, which cannot be described, the influence and lives of our former President and our colleagues, and those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the armed services seem to be very near. If this is true, and I think that it is, then may not we, the living, holding places of trust and confidence, honored by our fellow countrymen, dedicate and rededicate our lives to the service of the Nation? At this time, it must be remembered that our armed forces must have an early, full, complete, and decisive victory in the Pacific and in Asia over our enemy. Even now, and when victory is achieved, many far-reaching and important laws will have to be enacted—reconstruction, of itself, will entail much legislation. Many vexatious questions will arise from time to time for the Congress to settle. New responsibilities will be placed upon each and every Member. Legislation must be deliberated, devoid of partisanship, devoid of sectionalism, and devoid of selfish interest, and be placed upon the statute books for the benefit of all. Each legislator must efficiently, honestly, and courageously meet any situation which may arise. Thus, if so met, then in the United States, there will be nothing to fear.

Clearly the part that this, and each succeeding Congress, has to play is to aid in every way possible in bringing about a just and lasting peace in order that those who have been sacrificed upon the Nation's altar, may not have fought for

a lost cause. "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget—lest we forget."

"They died in vain." Will that be said of the soldiers of this war? It was said of those of our armed forces who died during 1917 and 1918 that they "died in vain." The Seventy-ninth Congress, and each succeeding Congress will not, with the help of God, permit it to be said of those who suffered disabilities or gave their lives in this terrible conflict.

Search wherever you will for more appropriate words to be used in this memorial service, but it is doubtful if there can be found more proper quotations than those from the Second Inaugural Address of President Lincoln, delivered from the east front of the Capitol, 80 years ago. These should be repeated again and again:

> Fondly do we hope—fervently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away.
>
> With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

Hon. HARVE TIBBOTT, accompanied by Hon. FRANCES P. BOLTON, sang Open the Gates of the Temple.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Cunningham].

Hon. PAUL CUNNINGHAM, a Representative from the State of Iowa, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. PAUL CUNNINGHAM

Mr. Speaker, when we assemble to pay tribute to our departed and honored colleagues, it is always a solemn occasion. It is a sad time for all of us, including the relatives of those who have passed to the Great Beyond during the last 12 months.

In another sense, it is not a solemn occasion, nor is it a sad day; rather it is a time of love and sweet remembrance, because we know "They are not dead, they are just away." No, we believe they are now among those who are preparing a place for us so all will be ready when the day comes for a happy reunion. "O Death, where is thy sting? Death is swallowed up in victory." Death is but the place at which the little stream of life merges into the ocean of eternity. Death is but the turning point in the endless path of existence.

Were we to believe otherwise, then this sad but sweet occasion would be but a hollow mockery and our tears of love, coupled with the fragrance of sweet remembrance, would be only dust and ashes. Milton has said, "Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity." No, we are not come in a spirit of mourning and sorrow, but rather to plant a few flowers in the fertile soil of our faith in a blessed immortality. Our dear departed colleagues would not have it otherwise.

At such a time, regardless of race, color, or belief, there are few, if any, who do not cling to a definite confidence that death is not the end, but only another, a greater and more wonderful, beginning. Although it is a graduation from the toils, joys, worries, and sorrows of this world, it is also the commencement of a fuller and more beautiful life. Yes, they have gone to another world, the beauty and solemnity of which is not given mortal man to understand, yet we definitely feel and know that all is well.

Some years ago I read an article which told of the experience of an American missionary in Africa. He had made friends with a savage tribe, the chief of which had just died. The tribal custom required that the personal servants of the chief be put to death on a certain day, amidst feasting and rejoicing. The missionary was invited to attend and did. Just before the torch was applied to the fagots at the stake of the chief's head servant, the chief's son walked over and spoke to him. The missionary saw the happy smile that

came to the servant's face when he nodded in reply. Later, the missionary inquired of the chief's son what he had said to the servant just before he was put to death and the answer was, "I told him to tell my father the canoe he gave me just before he died is a good one and he said he would." These primitive people had no doubt but that death opens the door to a life beyond. A belief in immortality that extends to savage tribes is one that gives to those here assembled a serene peace on this sad day that passeth all understanding.

As Bacon said, "It is as natural to man to die as to be born." The evidences coming out of this war, now so near a victorious end, are legion that the veil, separating this life from the next and our departed loved ones from those of us left behind, is very thin. "Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the next world."

Certain as we are that this is not the end, but only the beginning for our departed colleagues and loved ones, equally certain is the fact that all, rich and poor, high and low, must answer the call sooner or later—certain is this fact—time only is the uncertain equation.

As mortal men they worked and played; they struggled and served for themselves, their families, their neighbors, their Nation. They were united in the common cause of Americanism. They made life easier for all people. They helped to improve systems of government whereby other men have been better able to serve their Nation. They have aided in creating and fostering a spirit of generous consideration among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationships. They were always interested in the civic, commercial, social, and moral welfare of their communities. They helped make democracy work. They were just and fair in their attention to duty; reliable and trustworthy in their dealings. They valued our friendship and our smiles. They were always ready to extend a helping hand; were careful of their criticisms and liberal with

their praise. They built without destroying—the best friends we ever had.

However more we plan and have planned for ourselves, God knows the end of our days. They have all died in response to a greater democracy. What puppets of providence we would be if the great, the prominent, the world figures lived on forever. Let every youth, every lovely girl, every strong boy, every robust man and woman lay it to heart—death is no respecter of persons. It invades the hovels of the poor and it also reaches up and claims the great of the world. The sword of the general and the rifle of the soldier shall lie side by side.

Let us now transplant ourselves from the hurry and rush of the present to the loving remembrances of yesterday. Scarcely one of us but who at some time sits and meditates on the blessings and priceless benefits received from being associated with those we honor today. We see the fine courtesies extended to all; their gentlemanly demeanor; and we ponder over the words of wisdom that fell from their lips. "Death stamps the characters and conditions of men for eternity. As death finds them in this world, so they will be in the next."

As we listened to this roll call and as the rose of life was placed in the urn for each, we remember them for the good they did; for the influence they had on others. Yes, we rejoice at a time of sorrow all because of them; yes, all of them, our colleagues of yesterday.

We know they are walking straight forward in their present environment just as they did while here—head erect and on a firm foundation. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

The Nation is deeply indebted to these men. They have unselfishly given their all to a devoted cause and we, their colleagues, feel keenly the loss to ourselves and our country

in their passing. They so lived that others can well follow the examples they set. They were proud of the country in which they lived and the country may well be proud they lived in it.

They have done what countless others have done before them and countless more will do in the future. They have lived and worked, fought and struggled, loved and died, that others might have a better world in which to carry on, and carry on we must—a tear today, a smile tomorrow, a heartache the next, and joy the next, and so on until we receive the last call as they have; and when that day comes, may we receive it with a smile and an assurance of a life well lived and a foundation well set for others to build upon.

This is a peaceful occasion, and we know our departed colleagues are resting in peace. But they did not at this time seek the peace they now enjoy. They wanted to remain a while longer, particularly that they might aid and assist in securing everlasting peace on earth. Their hearts were ever with our fighting men and women. They accepted their full share of our responsibility to see that the soldier and his descendants have a better world in which to live; and that the soldiers, both living and dead, will be pleased with our efforts. God decreed this was not to be their privilege. Willingly they accepted the final summons just as they courageously carried on in life. It is for us, the living, to pick up their uncompleted task and give the utmost of our energy in securing a peace that will last for all time. We must not, we will not fail them.

One could go on indefinitely philosophizing on the lives of these our departed colleagues and the high standards they set for us by their daily deeds and conduct; but, as time marches on, nothing that is said by us can pay proper and just tribute to their deeds and our memory of their sterling characters and steadfastness of purpose. We have only memories, but what sweet memories; yea, we have even more, the firm knowlege that "they are not dead, but just away."

You cannot say, you must not say,
That he is dead; he is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there;
So think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, and say,
"He is not dead, he is just away."

Over the triple doorways of the cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one are the words, "All that pleases is but for a moment"; over another, "All that troubles is but for a moment"; while over the central arch are these significant words, "That only is important which is eternal."

Let us so live and conduct ourselves that when the day comes for us again to greet our colleagues whom we honor today, they will be glad to greet us with the genuine smile we knew and loved so well. They have passed to life eternal, whether it be near or far, and for aught we know they are here with us today in this selfsame chamber.

Francis Dale Stevens, musician, first class, United States Navy, sounded taps.

The Acting Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace. Amen.

At the conclusion of the recess, at 12 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the Speaker called the House to order.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 234, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the

deceased Members, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 24, 1945, at 12 o'clock noon.

Memorial Addresses
on
James Vandabeer Heidinger

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Remarks by Representative Allen

Of Illinois

Mr. SPEAKER: This membership is truly saddened by the passing of our colleague and friend, Judge HEIDINGER, who so ably represented the Twenty-fourth District, Illinois.

Born in humble circumstances, by industry he carved out enviable success in material things; by close application to his chosen profession, the law, he gained the deserved confidence of his people as a practicing attorney and as a judge of the court.

But these attainments, commendable as they were, are not those which are today uppermost in our minds; rather we remember his handclasp of genuine friendship which evidenced his kindly nature and his deep faith in men. This feeling was innate in him. He believed in every instinct that a kind act was brighter than gold and more enduring than the stars. He truly believed that in the cross and crown of life and death, we are nearer to God as we draw closer to our fellow man.

There is a realm into which we, his colleagues, may not intrude and that is the sacred circle of a family sorrow, but I feel I express the hope of all of us who knew him well and loved him, that those in his family circle may be visited by the God of Consolation with the comfort that garrisons the soul against the devastating effect of sorrow, and that they may come to realize that in his passing the typified the most sacred meaning of the soul in a life of devotion to country, friends, and those he loved.

Remarks by Representative Reed

Of Illinois

Mr. SPEAKER: The death of my dear friend, Hon. JAMES V. HEIDINGER, of Illinois, came as a very great shock to me. While I knew that he had been ill for some time and that he had gone to Phoenix, Ariz., it was my hope and belief that he had gone to this delightful climate to convalesce, and that he would soon be with us again. I know that every Member of the House held Judge HEIDINGER in the very highest esteem. This Nation can ill afford to lose men of his fine ability and, above all, a man of his sterling character. The State of Illinois and the Nation have suffered a great loss in the death of a very able representative and statesman.

It is difficult to find words to fully express the sympathy for the loss which his loved ones have suffered. It may be that Mrs. Heidinger and the relatives of her good husband will find comfort in the words "Life is not merely a floating shadow, a momentary spark, a dream that vanishes. Nothing can be grander than a life filled with great and noble thoughts—with brave and honest deeds. Such a life sheds light, and the seeds of truth sown by great and loyal men bear fruit through all the years to be."

Remarks by Representative Howell

Of Illinois

Mr. SPEAKER: On March 22, 1945, the Honorable JAMES V. HEIDINGER, Representative in Congress for the Twenty-fourth District of Illinois, passed away. At that time many of his colleagues paid tribute to his splendid character and the wholesome influence which he exerted wherever he was known. In his own community where he had spent his entire lifetime, the high regard in which he was held is truly expressed in the following article which appeared in the Wayne County Press, Fairfield, Ill., on March 29:

JAMES VANDAVEER HEIDINGER, son of William B. and Elizabeth Vandaveer Heidinger, was born on a farm near Mt. Erie in Wayne County on July 17, 1882, and passed away at the age of 62 years 8 months and 6 days.

He was united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mt. Erie in early life and retained his membership in that church until on last Easter Sunday he transferred his membership to the First Methodist Church of this city. He has ever lived an upright and exemplary life.

Initiated into the Fairfield Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons on January 19, 1914, he was a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Mississippi Valley Consistory and Ainad Shrine Temple of East St. Louis.

His mother passed away when he was but 6 years of age, leaving a family of five motherless children to the care and responsibility of the father in meager circumstances. With a firmness of purpose, the deceased mastered the difficulties of his circumstances and the hardships common to the life of a rural boy with limited opportunities. He attended the common schools and was licensed to teach. After teaching 4 years in the rural schools of Wayne County, he attended the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Ind., and the Northern Illinois College of Law at Dixon. By his own effort and arduous tasks he supported himself during his college years, graduating from the Northern Illinois College of Law at Dixon in

1908 with a degree of Master of Laws, and was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois the same year.

On his admission to the bar he immediately began the practice of his profession in the city of Fairfield, and shortly thereafter became a member of the law firm of Boggs, Boggs & Heidinger, of which the Honorable Carroll C. Boggs, a former member of the Illinois Supreme Court, was the senior member.

In 1911 he married Bessie Summers, who survives. One son, James S. Heidinger, was born to this union.

In 1914 Congressman HEIDINGER was elected judge of the county court of Wayne County and served in that capacity for 3 consecutive terms of 4 years each. On retiring from the county court, he reentered the active practice of his profession and became interested in and connected with a number of the city's substantial business institutions. For many years he and Judge Virgil W. Mills operated a law partnership of Mills & Heidinger.

He served as a member of the board of directors of the Fairfield National Bank from 1919 to 1933, inclusive, and has been a member of the board of directors of the Southern Illinois Lumber Co., for more than 25 years. His has been a large part in the growth and development of both the civic and business interests of Fairfield and Wayne County in the past quarter century.

Congressman HEIDINGER made five races for Congress in this district, and was elected the last three times. In his first race in 1930, he lost the election by only 28 votes to his opponent, the late Congressman Claude V. Parsons, who took the seat in the House formerly held by the late Thomas S. Williams, who had resigned to accept a Federal judgeship. In his second race, in 1934, Judge HEIDINGER lost to Congressman Parsons by 2,571 votes. But in his third campaign in 1940, he defeated Mr. Parsons by a majority of 6,741. In 1942 he was opposed by LeRoy Barham, of Eldorado, but was reelected by 10,762 votes. In the last campaign, in November 1944, although he was able to do very little campaigning, Judge HEIDINGER was returned to Congress by the largest majority ever given him—a margin of 12,119 votes over his opponent, Early C. Phelps, of McLeansboro.

At the time of his death he was a member of the very important House Naval Affairs Committee.

Although quiet in manner and unassuming, his common sense, nobility of character, and natural dignity immediately won for him the high esteem and general confidence of the leaders of both the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress and others in high authority in the National Capital. Those associated with

him in the National Legislative Halls pay tribute to the deceased as a great statesman and legislator, but his acquaintances and friends here at home remember him best as a home-loving citizen and a devoted husband and father. They pay him tribute for these fine qualities, for his noble character, sincerity of purpose, and the warmth of his feeling for his fellow men in the common and lowly walks of life with and about him here.

He is survived by his widow, Bessie Heidinger; his only son, Lt. James S. Heidinger, now serving in the United States Navy; his daughter-in-law, Thelma K. Heidinger; two grandchildren, Sharon Elizabeth and James Vandaveer Heidinger III; two sisters, Mary Long, of Hoopeston, Ill., and Katie Ray, of Oxly, Mo.; two brothers, George Heidinger, of Oxly, Mo., and William Heidinger, of Tacoma, Wash.

Remarks by Representative Hill

Of Colorado

Mr. SPEAKER: Again the Congress of the United States pauses a few moments in memory of our dear friends who in the past year have folded their tents and quietly slipped into the Great Beyond. Those of us who must struggle on in this finite world appreciate the privilege we have today to pay tribute to the principles and the concepts our friends had of this great Government, and the unfailing patriotism and love of country they exhibited in the service they rendered to our great democracy.

One of the Members of the House who passed away on March 22, 1945, was the Honorable JAMES V. HEIDINGER of the Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Illinois.

Congressman HEIDINGER was a personal friend of mine. He came into the House the beginning of 1941, the first session of the Seventy-seventh Congress. I was a freshman Member of that Congress. Together we learned the routine and the procedures of the House of Representatives. We visited together on the great issues facing this Nation as we gradually drifted closer and closer to the great war we must prosecute to a successful conclusion. Congressman HEIDINGER was a man of clear vision, with a mind that understood the great fundamentals upon which this Nation was founded. Growing up in the very heart of America, he had absorbed the principles, the precepts, and the basic teachings that is America, and that will be the foundation stone that shall guide and direct us throughout the perilous period of civilization that will follow the end of this great catastrophic struggle which we are now forcing to a victorious conclusion.

I was influenced by his sound thinking, his balanced judgment, his calm, quiet, and judicious decisions. Everyone loved him for his purity and his Americanism. No picturesque oratory, loud, ringing phrases, or demagogic appeals to prejudice affected his balanced thinking. The House was better qualified to come to conclusions because of his influence.

To his dear wife, his son and family, I express my sympathies in his passing, and may a Divine Spirit grant them understanding and give them courage to carry on in the spirit for which JAMES HEIDINGER gave the last full measure of devotion.

Remarks by Representative Bishop

Of Illinois

Mr. SPEAKER: One of the saddest features of one's service in this great legislative body is the time when a colleague by the stroke of inscrutable destiny, is removed from our midst. The handclasp which once gladdened our day is no more—yet the memory of the fellowship and of the statesmanship will linger with us throughout the years.

Born on a farm near Mount Erie, Wayne County, Ill., JAMES VANDAVEER HEIDINGER loved his fine people of the Twenty-fourth Congressional District who made possible his serving in Congress. He has served and served well. A lover of the soil he wanted to be known at all times as a dirt farmer, and endeavored to farm his land which today is producing oil. Having been a farmer boy, a school teacher, a lawyer, a judge and Congressman, a Mason, a Shriner, and an active member in the Methodist Church, the judge was known to a large circle of friends who cherished his excellent counsel and advice. He was kind. He was never too busy to be courteous and was a favorite with the people in all walks of life. He was just naturally big-hearted. His honesty, simplicity, ruggedness, and stainless character are priceless heirlooms. He labored among many nationalities, of many creeds and many faiths. He labored in the office and in the mart, in the sick ward, in the temples, and in the halls of justice; but his labors were all united in one great cause, the betterment of humanity.

A wonderful family man, he loved very dearly his son, James S., a lieutenant in the United States Navy, his grandchildren, Sharon Elizabeth and James V. and their charming mother, and the beautiful association which he and his fine wife enjoyed will ever be an inspiration and example to us all.

As a statesman, he was a great lover of the Constitution, having the best interests of his country at heart always. For the 4 years that I have known Judge and his fine family they became our very closest friends. We cherished the companionship and our visits together. During my last visit with him in Phoenix, Ariz., he realized that his stay on earth was short but had every confidence in the future, appreciating the comradeship of and association with his friends and colleagues in the House of Representatives. I know that my life has been made richer because of intimate contacts and genial fellowship with this great and grand friend and fellowworker.

Within the last few months of his life, JAMES V. HEIDINGER reached a decision to retire from Congress at the end of his present term. His cherished dream was to return to his beloved State "to live by the side of the road and be a friend to man." It is mysteriously strange how a beautiful dream can be realized—the magnificent preparation to live becoming the magnificent preparation to die. The Judge has returned to his beloved State to rest forever beneath its peaceful, cloudless sky. No amount of hardships, no obstacles ever daunted his courage. He faced the frontiers of the next world confidently and with the same serene and courageous spirit. He fought a good fight. He kept the faith. We recall here his zeal and unselfish interest, and we glory in his accomplishments. These shall remain with us—our heritage forever.

Remarks by Representative Patterson

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER: I think that our most fitting desire, on this day when we honor those of our colleagues who have died in pursuit of their duties, is to forward those goals toward which they, and all of us, were striving. These goals were the complete eradication of fascism the world over, and the establishment of a permanent peace and increasing prosperity.

Our colleagues, and their comrades on the battlefields, will not have died in vain if we can outlaw war for all time; if we are a step nearer to the brotherhood of man in a real and practical sense.

Let us put our own house in order. Racial, religious, national, prejudice, and discrimination of every kind must be absolutely destroyed here in America, as well as in every land of the earth. Prejudice and discrimination go hand in hand with the fascism we are striving to destroy.

There must be unity and understanding between the nations of the earth. If we break faith with our allies, with Britain, or Russia, or China, or France, or others, then we break faith with those who have died, our colleagues and our sons and brothers on the fighting fronts.

Let us, then, with quiet and indestructible determination, dedicate ourselves, strengthened by the memory of our colleagues who fought so long and well to the goals of unity, between men and nations of men, and permanent peace.

Remarks by Representative Arends

Of Illinois

Mr. SPEAKER: Each year the House, in memorial service, pauses to pay respect and tribute to the memory of our departed colleagues who during the past 12 months have passed on from this busy world. Today we honor our former colleagues in this fitting ceremony, remindful that they too gave their lives in the service of their country.

On March 22, 1945, Congressman JAMES V. HEIDINGER passed away. He came to Congress on November 3, 1942, and capably served his district with honor and distinction until the Angel of Death called his name and the Judge, as we affectionately knew him, answered his last roll call.

I am glad I was privileged to know Judge HEIDINGER. We became fast friends during the years we were permitted to serve together in the House of Representatives. He was a true American. His honesty, sincerity, and personality made one love him. He was kind and generous, always intent on being helpful to his fellow man. He rendered great service to his district, State, and Nation. We all miss him.

Death is only a quiet door
  Set in a garden wall;
On gentle hinges it gives, at dusk,
  When the thrushes call.

Along the lintel are green leaves,
  Beyond the light lies still;
Very willing and weary feet
  Go over that sill.

There is nothing to trouble any heart,
  Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only a quiet door
  In an old garden wall.

Remarks by Representative Springer

Of Indiana

Mr. SPEAKER. While we meet today to pay our respect to the memory of our departed colleagues, we face the realization of the deep personal loss we have sustained in the death of our beloved and esteemed friend and coworker, JAMES VANDAVEER HEIDINGER, of Illinois. Throughout the years of his service in this great lawmaking body he was ever at his post of duty as long as his health would permit. It is my personal privilege to express the very high esteem and the warm affection in which he was held by all Members of Congress. He was my personal friend, and it is with that treasured memory of him that I speak these few words in eulogy of his attainments. He was an outstanding American, a good citizen, a great statesman, and a loyal and sincere friend.

Judge HEIDINGER, as we affectionately called him, was a splendid legislator. He was born and reared in the great State of Illinois, and he loved that great Commonwealth and her people with the ardor and affection of an illustrious son. In that environment, and among his own people, he came to the bar and became one of the great lawyers in his State. His practice of his profession was extensive and successful. His people called him to render a greater service for his country, and he was sent as their representative in the Congress of the United States. During his service in that great lawmaking body, as the years passed, he grew in stature and in his attainments. He was sound in thought and deliberate in action. He was as kindly as he was brave.

When I first met our friend—and that was at the commencement of his service as a Member of the House of Representatives—I then recognized in him those rare and

outstanding qualities which appeal to all of us; he was a man of the highest character and his sincerity of purpose and his sturdy honesty was never doubted. I conferred with him we faced the stress of turmoil and anguish respecting our country, and its future; I knew him when his constant concern was for the welfare and progress of all the people in our land; I knew him when he was gravely concerned respecting our form of government and for our Constitution. He loved our form of government, and he revered the American way of life; he was a true patriot. He was a constant American.

When great men pass across the pages of life and disappear, their acts and deeds will continue after them; the precedent which they have established will be followed by others. So with our friend. He has fixed the standard. He has touched into activity forces which, influencing still others, will move on forever. I will long cherish the memory of my friend because of his unswerving Americanism, for his constant struggle for the people he loved, and for his sterling character and honesty. With these high ideals he lived, and with these same ideals before him he died. Thus, the outstanding career of this brilliant man has passed from the stage of life, leaving the rest of us to take up his labors where he left them.

Judge HEIDINGER needs no eulogy today. His life and the living of it stand before us in pristine beauty and in splendor—a beacon light for others. In bidding a fond and a last farewell to him, I speak those words which were uttered at the passing of a great hero in the years gone by—

"This was a man!"

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THURSDAY, *March 22, 1945.*

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Allen].

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Reed].

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart today that I announce to the membership of the House the death this morning in Phoenix, Ariz., of our friend and colleague, JAMES V. HEIDINGER, of Illinois. Judge HEIDINGER, as you well know, was in ill health for several months. At the beginning of this Seventy-ninth Congress he was at the Naval Hospital at Bethesda. It was my privilege to visit him, and at his request I introduced a resolution in the House requesting that the oath of office be administered to him at the hospital.

This was done by the Speaker in person. On the day following, I again visited him and was pleased to observe the elation and satisfaction that he exhibited because of the privilege that had been accorded him to qualify as a Member of this Congress. He was extremely enthusiastic in his expressions of gratitude both to this House and our Speaker for promptly taking the necessary steps whereby his legislative status would be unimpaired.

Judge HEIDINGER had been a farmer, a school teacher, a practicing attorney, and a judge. Several times he and the late Claude V. Parsons contested for the privilege of representing the Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Illinois in Congress. Once the judge was defeated by less than 100 votes, but he gracefully acquiesced in the verdict of the voters and tried again. In 1940 he was successful. He served con-

tinuously in the Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, and Seventy-ninth Congresses. Shortly after taking his seat in this body his predecessor passed away. Both of these men had had a high regard for the other. Each of these men informed me that in all these campaigns he had never heard of an unkind remark made by his opponent.

Judge HEIDINGER was a kind man. He was a man of principle. He said what he thought. He weighed carefully the problems that came before him for consideration. He brought with him in his legislative career the principles that had made him a just and honorable judge in the courts of his own county.

He will be missed in this House, and in the great Committee on Naval Affairs of which he was a member.

In Judge HEIDINGER, Illinois had an able, keen, and unselfish Representative. We of his State who perhaps had more opportunity of knowing him intimately, feel deeply the loss of this faithful colleague who commanded our admiration and respect. We shall always cherish the privilege that was ours to have known him and to have worked with him.

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. REED of Illinois. I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, I doubt if any man in Congress knew Judge HEIDINGER better than I did. His office is next door to mine. He and I lived in the same building ever since he came to Congress, and I have been with him almost every day during that time—up to the day he went to the hospital. I have never met a finer man, a more consecrated American, or a more splendid gentleman, in or out of Congress, than JAMES V. HEIDINGER, our departed colleague from Illinois.

Two days ago I received a letter from Mrs. Heidinger, telling me that he was in a very critical condition. His son, who is now in the Navy, came by to see me on yesterday, and I showed him his mother's letter. He seemed to feel that

the end was near, and I am sure this announcement has not come as a very great surprise to him.

We sometimes refer to those friendships that grow up between Members on different sides of the aisle as the flowers that overhang the walls of party politics.

JIM HEIDINGER was a Republican, a real Abraham Lincoln Republican, from Lincoln's home State of Illinois, while I am a Democrat, a Jeffersonian Democrat, from Mississippi, the home State of Jefferson Davis, the Great White Chieftain of the Confederacy.

But we were both Americans who believed in America and American institutions, and as far as our friendship was concerned all the political differences we ever had—and we had many—never had the slightest effect, so far as I could tell, on his friendship for me, and it never had any effect whatsoever on my friendship for him.

Someone has said:

I wrote my name upon the sand
  And trusted it would stand for aye;
But soon, alas, the refluent sea
  Had washed my feeble lines away.

I carved my name upon the wood,
  And, after years returned again;
I missed the shadow of the tree
  That stretched of old upon the plain.

To solid marble, next my name
  I gave as a perpetual trust;
An earthquake rent it to its base;
  And now it lies, o'erlaid with dust.

All these had failed, I was perplexed,
  I turned and asked myself, "What then?"
If I would have my name endure,
  I'll write it on the hearts of men.

The name of JAMES V. HEIDINGER will endure, because he wrote it on the hearts of his fellow men.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Michener].

Mr. MICHENER. Mr. Speaker, again the Death Angel has beckoned; again our ranks have been invaded. In the midst of a busy day in the consideration of important legislation, we are suddenly informed that our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Illinois, Judge HEIDINGER, has answered the last call.

Judge HEIDINGER's passing was not unexpected. Nevertheless, the suddenness is a shock. A splendid man, conscientious, serious, and appreciating the responsibilities of his office, he was beloved by his constituents, and was admired and respected by all who knew him. It will not be possible for anyone to fill Judge HEIDINGER's particular place in the affection and in the hearts of those with whom he has served so well. We shall miss him. The Nation has lost another splendid man.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished leader of the majority, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. MCCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, no matter how long a period of time the death of a friend may be expected, when the actual passing on happens the impact is sudden and the results are forcibly conveyed to the minds of the friends of the dear one who has taken the journey into the Great Beyond.

I join with the Illinois delegation on both sides of the aisle and my other colleagues of the House in the deep sympathy they feel in the death of our dear friend, JIM HEIDINGER.

It is difficult for one to express his feelings under circumstances of this kind and what I shall do is to refer to some of the outstanding characteristics of the friend who has passed on.

The light of the candle of JIM HEIDINGER will continue on as long as any of his friends live. In life he personified everything that was fine, sweet, kind, and noble. The light from his candle will constitute an example for all who knew him to follow. His was a light of nobility of character, of warmth of feeling for his fellow men, of sincerity of purpose in the

performance of his duties. His was a light of an honorable and trustworthy life; his was the life of a gentleman.

My personal contacts with our late friend were close and most friendly. I benefited greatly from those contacts. In moments of emotion and when I was perhaps under undue strain, I met JIM HEIDINGER and his sweet character and sincere personality had a tendency to calm me down. When I met him I met a man with a broadness of vision and of tolerance, and he tended to curb any unrestrained feelings I might have had at that moment.

The passing of JIM HEIDINGER is a tragic blow to this House and a great loss to the people of the State of Illinois and the people of his district. I shall always remember him during the remainder of my journey through life for the fine, noble, human characteristics of sincerity of purpose, honorableness of thought, and warmth of feeling that he so nobly and outstandingly exemplified during his useful life.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Mason].

Mr. MASON. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Illinois delegation, naturally I am shocked and feel deeply the loss of my friend Judge HEIDINGER, with whom I became acquainted when he first came to the Congress. That was the first time I ever met him. I learned to know him quite well. As has been stated, he was gentle, kindly, courteous, a real gentleman in every sense of the word.

I learned during the first year he was a Member of Congress that he was born in the same week, as a matter of fact, 1 day ahead of myself. We learned that Stephen Day and Charlie Dewey were born in the same week. So we called ourselves the congressional quadruplets.

Each year, on 1 day during that week, up until this year, the four of us held a reunion, either at luncheon or at dinner, and had a friendly, congenial, pleasant time together. I can-

not think at the moment of proper words to express my feelings on this occasion. However, an unknown poet has placed words at my disposal. The title is "There Is No Death." The unknown poet expresses my feelings at this time in these words:

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellow fruit
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

There is no death! Although we grieve
When beautiful, familiar forms
That we have learned to love
Are torn from our embracing arms.

Although with bowed and breaking heart,
With sable garb and silent tread
We bear their senseless dust to earth
And say that they are dead;

They are not dead. They have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere.

Though disenthralled and glorified,
They still are here and love us yet.
The dear ones they have left behind
They never can forget.

I am sure the dear ones that have been left behind by the death of Judge HEIDINGER will not and never can forget the kindly, lovable man who would not knowingly hurt anyone's feelings.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois [Miss Sumner].

Miss SUMNER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, a few moments ago when one of my colleagues from Illinois rushed into the cloak

room where Congressmen were gathered to tell us that the Member from Illinois, our Judge HEIDINGER, had passed away, it was a shock. It was a shock not only to the Members from Illinois but to everybody there. The Members began telling what a great loss it was. It is particularly a loss these days to have any good American leave this Congress. As the news came, several Members said, "That man was a good American. We cannot afford to lose a man like that." They began thinking then about Judge HEIDINGER. One said he was such an unusually kind man. Another remarked how good-natured he was. The words "gentle" and "sweet" were used repeatedly. One Member said, "I often came to him and asked him about little things. He was, I suppose, as busy as any Member of this House, but he always had time to sit down and explain matters. He never seemed to be in a hurry if somebody needed anything from him."

Mr. Speaker, the loss of this Member lies heavily on the hearts of all of us, and none of us can quite express the way we feel. We feel too deeply about the loss to be able to say how deeply we feel. Visitors sitting in the gallery may wonder if it is proper that the Congress should stop like this in the consideration of important legislation to think of a Member who has passed away and eulogize him in this way. Some of us thought so, too, when we first came here. But as you stay here, you begin to see that perhaps the consideration of one good Member for a few moments is more important than any legislation we could pass. As we sit here commemorating the fine qualities that made this particular Member a beloved friend, a patriot, and a statesman who as one man said in the cloakroom, never stopped to think of the consequences to his political future but voted for what he thought was right. We, at the same time are resolving we shall try to imitate his good qualities. In a way that, I think, is what eternity means. It means that the good qualities for which one stands in one's life shall

be considered by those who surround us and go on and on, and thus create, if enough good people live that way, what may some day be a real heaven upon this earth.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Vursell].

Mr. VURSELL. Mr. Speaker, I am sure I speak the sentiments of all the Members of the House when I make the statement that the Congress and the Nation have suffered a distinct loss in the passing of our colleague, Judge HEIDINGER. This knowledge will cause sorrow in many homes in southern Illinois and it will be a shock to a great many people throughout the length and breadth of our State of Illinois.

Judge HEIDINGER was trusted first by the small circle of friends who knew him. He was trusted for his fine character and his ability. As that trust by his public acts was justified, his circle of influence widened and he was called to service by his county as a county judge. He held other offices through the confidence and trust of the people who knew him for his fine Christian character and his sterling honesty. His circle of influence widened until it encompassed his entire congressional district.

His services were such here in the House that the confidence in him of his people increased. He was reelected by increasing majorities, and this time, when his health was so bad that he was unable to make a campaign, his people reelected him by a greater majority than ever before.

He loved southern Illinois. His memory was rich in the history of the growth and development politically, industrially, and spiritually of that section of the State. He was a man who realized that all of us who come into the world owe a debt to society, a debt to the memory of the pioneers, out of whose efforts, thoughts, and toil were wrought the opportunities we were to enjoy, a debt to the statesmen who shaped the destinies of that section of Illinois and who helped to guide the destinies of this Nation. He talked with me often

about the late Senator Borah, and his great qualities of leadership and statesmanship. He was proud of the fact that Senator Borah came originally from Fairfield, Ill. He was a man who wanted to pay the debt he owed to society. He wanted to liquidate that debt in the interest of the people and in the interest of the State and of the Nation. He wanted to make his contribution for a better America. He constantly strove to do that. While he was a man who was modest and kind, he was a man who possessed the courage of a lion when to stand for the right was the course his conscience dictated. As has been remarked by a former speaker, it never occurred to him in considering legislation that his vote should be tempered, directed, or cast for the purpose of reelecting him to the Congress to the detriment of the people and the cause of the Nation he was serving at the time such vote had to be cast.

He discharged his duty as a Representative of the people, as Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin, and those men who wrote the Constitution of this country thought a Representative should, after he had been honored by being elected to this great body, the greatest legislative body in the world.

It is unfortunate that a man of such courage and sterling character, a man of such fine ideals of American citizenship, a man who was always ready to support unfailingly representative constitutional government in this country; it is unfortunate in these troublous times that he should be called to his reward.

It has been my pleasure to have known him intimately for some 25 years. It is difficult to try to portray the fine character of this man as a neighbor, a friend, a legislator; and it is difficult to speak under the stress that comes to me and the Members of this House who knew and respected him as all of us do who were privileged to have known him. It is a serious blow to his family. I know that they have the sympathy of all the Members of the Seventy-ninth Congress.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Coffee].

Mr. COFFEE. Mr. Speaker, there has fallen on the ears of one of our colleagues the beckoning music of eternity. A mighty oak has fallen. Some there are who may see fit to question the wisdom of Congress in time of war pausing in its deliberations, in its consideration of important and weighty matters of state and of international consequence, to pay tribute to the memory, character, and statesmanship of one among us. But Judge HEIDINGER is typical of many of the self-effacing, quietly modest men who work in the vineyards of this body. Too often their accomplishments are unheralded and unsung. Judge HEIDINGER accomplished more by his sincerity, his geniality, his personality, and his warmth than perhaps some others may accomplish by their eloquence and their conspicuous activities on the floor. Certainly in the hearts of the people whom he so well represented in southern Illinois there will be left pain and suffering. It will be hard to repair the damage which his passing will create, because it will be difficult to fill his shoes.

Judge HEIDINGER has a brother who is a resident of my home city of Tacoma, Wash., one of our most distinguished and erudite lawyers in the State of Washington. He is general counsel for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. Through his brother I came to know Judge HEIDINGER very well. Never was there a finer man than our deceased colleague. Never was there a man who was more amenable to approach by his colleagues. Never was there a Congressman who graced these Halls more willing to lend advice and counsel. A scholarly and compassionate judge, an ideal, an impeccably upright citizen of a great State has gone, but he has carved his memory indelibly in the hearts of those who follow him.

I think these condign tributes that have been paid today to Judge HEIDINGER are most fitting. I know that his family will derive immeasurable consolation and comfort from read-

ing the remarks made by his colleagues from his State of Illinois and elsewhere, who have spoken so feelingly on the floor. It is very important that we who belong to different political parties and ipso facto entertain divergent political beliefs should ignore those political differences in the consideration of the character and accomplishments of our fellows in this body when they are called by their Maker. One of the finest things which characterizes the House of Representatives is the fact that when any of us open the doors and march into our eternal abode, forgotten are the political differences which may have marked our activities in life, because in the great democracy of death there are no political differences. There is only brotherhood; there is only memory.

William Jennings Bryan once said death is but a narrow starlit strip between the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow. We are here in this mortal life but a few short years, and, after all, about all we can hope to accomplish is that in the hearts of those who survive us there may be a few pleasant memories, the knowledge that we have tried in our humble way to ease the lot of our fellow man. If there is one characteristic that may be said to be common to the Members of the House of Representatives, regardless of party, it is that they glory in the service, not because of any compensation, because God knows that is relatively small in these times of high taxes and inflated cost of living, but they revel in the opportunity to serve their fellow man and to heed the admonition in the Bible of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. About the most effective thing any of us could strive to do is to ease the burden of our fellows, provide uplift and inspiration wherever we can. Appraised by that criterion, Judge HEIDINGER stood as a tower of strength among us and as a shining beacon of light.

I am grieved that Judge HEIDINGER no longer will be in this body. We will all miss him, but we want to tell his family that he left behind him hundreds of colleagues who mourn his passing.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New New York [Mr. Cole].

Mr. COLE of New York. Mr. Speaker, in behalf of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House it is my sad duty to join with those who have already paid such highly deserved tribute to our departed colleague. During his latter years of service in the House Judge HEIDINGER was a member of the Committee on Naval Affairs. I doubt if there was a member of the committee more loyal, more interested in the work of that committee than Judge HEIDINGER. He attended all of the meetings. My impression of him was that he was not so much interested in the number of ships that were built, or their size, or the number of airplanes; his interest was in the welfare of the people who ran the ships and the airplanes. This was symbolic of the man's character. It indicated his complete humaneness, his love of mankind rather than matter. So even though he was a member of that committee for comparatively few years, during that period of time he contributed in a large way to the building of the Navy of this country which is our great pride and which is the awe of the world. Every member of the committee came to love Judge HEIDINGER because of that human interest that he constantly displayed.

I think one of the finest compensations we who serve in this House have is the opportunity that is given us in working here to become associated with grand, lovable characters, and in that way perhaps to enrich our own lives and our own characters. The feeling of the members of the Committee on Naval Affairs toward Judge HEIDINGER in that regard is shared by every Member of this House who knew that fine gentleman, that lovable man, Judge HEIDINGER. Because of his service here each one of us has been enriched. The country has benefited immeasurably by his service. His loss will be deeply felt by the committee which he served with such distinction.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Church].

Mr. CHURCH. Mr. Speaker, the shock that came to us a few minutes ago with the announcement of the passing of our colleague, JIM HEIDINGER, has been somewhat softened by these beautiful and well-deserved tributes from his colleagues.

I visited Judge HEIDINGER at the hospital the day he was leaving for the West to regain his health. I believe there was in him at that time a real determination and courageous feeling that he would overcome his illness and be back with us in a few weeks. When I talked with him that day he was a sick man but courageous. He was kind, cheerful, quiet, and sincere as always.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Members of the House in extending sympathy to Mrs. Heidinger and to his son, who is serving in the armed forces. Illinois and the Nation have lost a fine man with a distinguished career. His colleagues, his large host of friends will miss JIM HEIDINGER.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Hill].

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, it was with a heavy heart that I learned within the hour of the passing of our good friend, the Honorable JAMES V. HEIDINGER. He came to the House the same year I did and we went through the same experiences in becoming acquainted with the routine and work we had to do as Members of the House of Representatives.

I formed a great attachment for Mr. HEIDINGER, his wife, and family. All of us I am sure feel badly this afternoon at his passing.

Last summer Judge HEIDINGER spent nearly a month in my home town trying as best he could to overcome the disease that affected him. I visited him daily while he was there. He visited in my home several times.

Judge HEIDINGER was always a gentleman, he was a man we all loved. I know if he were here this afternoon, and he

is here in spirit, he would join in the words I shall now quote from that famous poem of Tennyson's:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark.
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Bender].

Mr. BENDER. Mr. Speaker, as a neighbor of Mr. HEIDINGER, whose office adjoined mine for some years, I feel it would be entirely out of order for me to use an abundance of superlatives to describe him. Folks do not try to gild lilies or perfume violets. Lilies and violets are beautiful as they are.

Mr. Speaker, JIM HEIDINGER was a Christian gentleman, a good neighbor, a devoted husband, a loving father, and a fine friend. JIM HEIDINGER was just an average citizen transplanted to Washington; a man who loved folks. We will miss him.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Chenoweth].

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly shocked when I learned of the passing of our colleague, Judge HEIDINGER, while on my way to the session today. I knew he had been critically ill, so his death was not altogether unexpected. However, we are never ready to see our friends go.

Several days ago I wrote a letter to Judge HEIDINGER in Arizona and just this week received a reply from Mrs. Heidinger.

She said he was greatly pleased to hear from his fellow Members in Congress. I had intended to write him another letter today and am reminded of the following verse:

> Leaves have their time to fall
> And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath;
> And stars to set, but all,
> Thou hath all seasons for thine own, O Death!

Judge HEIDINGER was a kindly and gracious soul. I became very closely attached to him. We came to the House together. He always had a word of encouragement and good cheer, and I shall greatly miss him on this floor. I feel that our country has lost a most valuable Member of Congress, the State of Illinois has lost a most faithful public servant, and I have lost a dear friend. I join with my colleagues in expressing my deep and sincere personal sympathy to Mrs. Heidinger and the other members of the family.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Howell].

Mr. HOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from the Illinois delegation and the other Members of the House in mourning the loss of our good friend, the Honorable JAMES HEIDINGER of Fairfield, Ill. Judge HEIDINGER and I, along with several other Members of the Illinois delegation, came into the House of Representatives in the Seventy-seventh Congress. Our offices adjoined one another in the Old House Office Building. It had never been my pleasure before that time to have known the judge very well, but during those 2 years when we were quartered so closely together, I came to know him for the real man that he was. Some mention has been made today of the opportunity afforded here in Congress of meeting substantial citizens from the 435 congressional districts all over America. Certainly of all the Members of Congress, Judge HEIDINGER personified the true ideal of our representative republican form of government. Judge HEIDINGER was a pioneer citizen of the section of Illinois from which he was elected. He was active and interested in everything that went to make up the life of that community. As a lawyer he practiced, of

course, in the courts of law and served for a number of years as county judge. In his campaigns throughout his county he met and came to know almost every voter personally and they knew him as well. But his interests extended over and beyond his chosen profession, because he became identified with those things that mean so much in the life of every community—the building industries, the service industries, the churches, and the schools.

When the southern portion of the State of Illinois became identified with the great petroleum industry, Judge HEIDINGER was known to everyone identified with that industry as a conscientious, capable judge in that community, the people in it, the land, and the land values. So I say that Judge HEIDINGER personified the ideals of our republican form of government, because truly, indeed, he represented that section of Illinois from which he was elected.

Those of us from the Illinois delegation had, of course, some notice that his health was not the very best. I visited him several times in the hospital before he left Washington, and only the day before he left I called on him. Then, as always, he demonstrated the kind of a man he was, always thinking of the welfare and interest of others, because even at that late date he demonstrated his personal friendship to me and certainly his personal thoughts of every Member of the Illinois delegation. His appreciation for the substantial family life was demonstrated by his fondness for and interest in all children, and particularly for his own son and wife and their children.

Of all the fine friends that we have had since our stay in Washington, certainly the Judge and Mrs. Heidinger were the very best of all of those we knew. I and the members of my family join in extending our sincere sympathies and condolences to Mrs. Heidinger and the judge's fine son, now in the country's service, Lt. James S. Heidinger, his daughter-in-law, and grandchildren.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. McGregor].

Mr. McGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I attempt to say a few words relative to the untimely death of my very good friend and colleague, Judge JIM HEIDINGER.

Some months ago I was in the Naval Hospital. Among my first callers was JIM HEIDINGER. I learned to know him during my illness. At that time he seemingly was in perfect health and when he entered my room he brought sunshine and joy and a real human spirit that was exemplified only in JIM HEIDINGER.

Mr. Speaker, the people of his district have lost a very capable Representative, the people of the Nation have lost a true American citizen, and I have lost a loyal friend. I am sure that I, too, want to join in extending my sympathy to his splendid wife and fine son.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Chiperfield].

Mr. CHIPERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of our friend and colleague, JAMES V. HEIDINGER, of Fairfield, Ill., the Congress has sustained a grievous loss.

It has been a rare privilege to have known and been associated with such a kindly, modest, unassuming, and true friend.

Judge, as he was so familiarly known, loved his State and his country. He displayed his devotion by his many worthy achievements, and his name will be long remembered as one who wrought much and well for the district in which he lived and the State and Nation to which he devoted his life.

Judge HEIDINGER was an able lawyer and was elected county judge in 1914, which office he held for 18 years.

To me, Mr. Speaker, our late colleague typified the real America—a contemporary of the school that produced our sturdy forefathers. His passing will not only be a great loss to his colleagues here in Congress but to his host of friends. His lifetime of good deeds will be an everlasting tribute to his memory.

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, we Members, particularly of Illinois, mourn the passing of our good friend, Judge HEIDINGER. We shall all miss his wise and kindly counsel, that he was so generous in giving whenever asked, which was often, by his colleagues. Judge HEIDINGER was perhaps one of the most highly regarded men in the House of Representatives. His most noted qualities were his most lovable character, his kindness, his gentlemanly character, and, above all, his intense love of his country. On a few occasions, I have heard matters of legislation discussed in the cloak room, and if anyone brought up the subject of a man's attitude and his vote on a certain piece of legislation that it might affect him politically, Judge HEIDINGER always stated he did not care what the political effect would be that he was going to vote his convictions, and I might say I am sure Judge HEIDINGER never wavered from that position. Judge HEIDINGER was of the old school of Americanism, and could not tolerate any wavering of loyalty to the Constitution. He was a firm believer in free enterprise and our republican form of government.

Judge HEIDINGER'S sweetness of character, even in times of heated debate among his colleagues, always stood out, and by that fine poise that dominated Judge HEIDINGER at all times often had a tendency to temper the emotional outbursts of his colleagues.

We have all profited by the great privilege of having associated daily with Judge HEIDINGER these past few years. Not only his home district, the Twenty-fourth District of Illinois, not only the State of Illinois, but the House of Representatives, has suffered a loss in his passing from our midst.

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 200), as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JAMES V. HEIDINGER, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Howell], the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Bishop], the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Vursell], and the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Simpson].

The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 38 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 23, 1945, at 11 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY, *March 23, 1945.*

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Blessed Lord Jesus, to whom we look for guidance and seek to serve, the world is straining to hear Thy voice in the solemn hush of nature newly born; we are glad, for this is the day which the Lord hath made. We pray for that day when this gray world shall be changed into morning light; when the mighty shall be put down and overwhelmed as their sins cry out against God.

Read our hearts, Heavenly Father. We express the deepest gratitude to Thee for the safe return of the 68 nurses from the hardship and darkness of their internment in Santo Tomas prison camp in Manila.

We praise Thee that hidden from this world of tumult and strife, in the human breast is the altar of prayer. Whatever form fate or sorrow may take, frowning look or angry tone, there we find rest. There we would stay our minds, knowing the eternal law that for every loss there is a gain; quicken our patience in faith that Thy will be done. Dear Lord, we pause before the mystery of death and give tribute to one whose career dictated a blessed destiny. Gentility was the aroma of his conduct; always constant in his devotion to duty, ever adorning his position as a public servant and private citizen, he climbed heroically toward the perfect day. Give peace and comfort to all those bowed in grief. In Thy holy name. Amen.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Frazier, its legislative clerk, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 108):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JAMES V. HEIDINGER, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now take a recess in executive session until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The message also announced that, pursuant to the provisions of the above resolution, the Presiding Officer had appointed Mr. Lucas and Mr. Brooks members of said committee on the part of the Senate.

JAMES VANDAVEER HEIDINGER

SATURDAY, *March 24, 1945.*

Mr. MCCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to appoint one additional member on the committee representing the House to attend the funeral of our late friend and colleague, Judge HEIDINGER.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints as an additional member of the funeral committee the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Price].

There was no objection.

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THURSDAY, *March 22, 1945.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Maurer, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. JAMES V. HEIDINGER, late a Representative from the State of Illinois, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

Mr. WILLIS. Mr. President, the announcement of the death of Representative JAMES V. HEIDINGER of Illinois, should be received with more than formal notice. Representative HEIDINGER came to the Seventy-seventh Congress and served continuously until declining health forced him to leave Washington and go to Arizona. He was about 63 years of age.

With deep emotion I express my regret at his passing because I have personally been associated in a neighborly way with Representative HEIDINGER since I came to Washington. I know that he was truly one of God's noblemen. Before he came to Congress he was for many years a judge in the judicial circuit in which he lived. He was an outstanding citizen of southern Illinois. His life touched the lives of many of the people in that area and was a wonderful blessing to thousands. Representative HEIDINGER had profound faith in the American philosophy of government and the American way of life. He loved his country with a devotion rarely seen, and he dedicated the hours of his life in Washington completely to loyal and able service to his country.

The Nation has suffered a great loss. It will be a long time before the place of Representative HEIDINGER in his several capacities, can be filled by a man who is his equal. Personally I have lost that most priceless possession—a real friend.

HE WAS A FRIEND

He made his friends by being one,
And on his friendship men relied,
In every deed that need be done,
He made the Golden Rule his guide.
His friendly presence brought a cheer
That made the day seem wondrous fair;
His daily living so sincere,
Made others love him everywhere.
He was a friend.

No task too great for him to do,
And in the doing was a smile
That aided as he carried through
The deeds that were so well worth while.
The brightness of his day is gone,
We see the setting of the sun;
If only we could carry on
And live a life like he has done.
He was a friend.

Just yonder on the star-kissed shore,
He carries on in nobler way;
Though we can see his face no more,
Thanks for his friendship for a day.
If on his tomb I could indite,
The epitaph I have in mind,
One phrase is all that I would write,
The truest words that I could find—
He was a friend.

Mr. AIKEN. Mr. President, I merely wish to add a word to what the Senator from Indiana has said regarding Representative HEIDINGER and to endorse all that he said concerning this great American Representative who has just died.

I first became acquainted with Representative HEIDINGER in his home State some 6 or 7 years ago. He instantly struck me as being one of the highest type of American citizenry. He was the leading man of his community. He had no desire to come to Congress, but was literally drafted for service as a Member of Congress from his district, and was reelected without any effort on his part.

I wish to say, as the Senator from Indiana did, that in the death of Judge HEIDINGER we have lost one of the finest statesmen of this Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. As in legislative session, the Chair lays before the Senate a resolution from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The resolution (H. Res. 200) was read as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
March 22, 1945.

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Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. President, I wish to join in what has been said earlier today about Representative HEIDINGER, who comes from the State which I have the honor to represent. The Nation has lost a truly great citizen and an able legislator; Illinois has lost an illustrious son; and I personally have lost a very dear and close friend. He being much older than I through the years I have always sought the advice and counsel of this distinguished lawyer, this man who was elevated to the honored position of judge, and finally chosen to represent his district in the Congress. I speak for the people of Illinois when I say that the people of my State send their regrets and their sympathy to his loved ones as they mourn his passing.

Now Mr. President, I submit a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 108) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JAMES V. HEIDINGER, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Under the second resolving clause, the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. Lucas and Mr. Brooks as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate take a recess, in executive session, until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Friday, March 23, 1945, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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